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SUBJECT: USEC/J - 1976 JAPANESE LECTURER GRANTEE

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1. AS INDICATED BY COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED TO WADA'S APPLICATION, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN INVITING HIM SINCE LATE LAST SUMMER AND MADE DEFINITE OFFER BEFORE INTERVIEWS

WERE HELD. AMHERST APPROACHED WADA IN NOVEMBER BUT HE FELT THAT IN VIEW OF WASHINGTON'S EARLIER OFFER HE SHOULD ACCEPT THEIRS.

SECRETARIAT HAD NO OBJECTION SINCE AMHERST OFFER WAS ONLY TENTATIVE. FURTHERMORE, WADA ALSO STUDIES CATALOGUE COURSE OFFERINGS IN HIS FIELD AT BOTH UNIVERSITIES AND FELT THAT WASHINGTON WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE ADVANCED LEVEL TEACHING IN JAPANESE-ASIAN ECONOMICS.

2. WHILE USEC/J CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS THAT OFFICIAL AFFILIATION IS TO BE MADE BY CIES, REGULAR PROCEDURE WAS FOLLOWED WHERE APPLICANTS FOR LECTURING GRANTS URGED TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACTS WITH UNIVERSITIES IN VIEW OF PAST SITUATION WHERE APPOINTMENTS WERE NOT READILY FORTHCOMING. BUDGET SITUATION APPARENTLY ON UPSWING AS EVIDENCE BY MANY REQUESTS FOR WADA AND OTHERS. WADA ALSO RECEIVED FIRM OFFER IN NOVEMBER FROM UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO CIRCLE, WHICH HE DECLINED IN VIEW OF WASHINGTON OFFER.

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3. IF CIES CAN EXPLAIN SITUATION TO WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND

OBTAIN THEIR AGREEMENT TO RELEASE WADA TO MASSACHUSETTS CONSORTIUM, USEC/J AND WADA HAVE NO STRONG OBJECTIONS. WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL HAD WE KNOWN THAT AMHERST WAS CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE FOR WADA SINCE HE HAD CLEARLY TOLD THEM THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT WASHINGTON'S OFFER. USEC/J HAS HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT OR INQUIRY WHATSOEVER FROM AMHERST.

4. USEC/J ASKED WADA WHETHER HE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN STAYING ON FOR SECOND YEAR TO TEACH AT MASSACHUSETTS BUT HE CANNOT MAKE ANY ADVANCE COMMITMENT.
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